

Montana University System Faculty Academic Representatives

Resolution in Opposition of HB525

Whereas, the Montana University System is an open marketplace of ideas where free expression is exercised and where diverse views are expressed and debate of those ideas is encouraged,

Whereas, HB525 directly subverts the letter and intent of the Montana Constitution providing for University System oversight by the Board of Regents,

Whereas, critical thinking skills form the foundation of higher education in a free and democratic society, rather than a legislatively imposed framework for what material may be discussed in the classroom and on campus.

Whereas, HB 525 would require university system resources to be applied to unneeded reporting requirements, rather than on the education of Montana's young people,

Whereas HB 525 seeks to add an unnecessary layer of legislative oversight to the content and means of delivery of coursework in higher education,

Whereas HB 525 is a solution in search of a problem for which there is no evidence in the MUS, where functioning and accessible grievance procedures are available to all.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Montana University System Faculty Academic Representatives oppose any attempt to institute HB 525, the so-called "intellectual diversity" bill.
